

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re U.S. Patent Application of** )  
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**MATSUOKA et al.** )  
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**Application Number: To Be Assigned** )  
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**Filed: Concurrently Herewith** )  
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**For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY CELL AND METHOD** )  
**OF FORMING SAME** )  
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**ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. NITT.0204** )

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows: